

Summertime in Secaucus.. We Have it All!

It's summertime in Secaucus. Whether you have the opportunity to go away on vacation or not, there is plenty of fun activities right here in town. Come on out and meet with friends or make a new friend at the annual Fourth of July celebration at the town pool on Tuesday, July 2. Start the evening with a poolside concert by *Ragdoll, a Tribute to the Four Seasons*, followed by a spectacular fireworks display to kick off summer! Whatever your age, there is something fun happening all summer long. Check your mail for the July community calendar listing all the family activities including movies and concerts in the park and Kids and Teen Pool Night at the swim center. We are very fortunate to have community oriented corporate businesses in town including Hartz Mountain and Xchange who also offer fabulous summer programs.

School's out and more children are enjoying themselves in our many pocket parks. Thanks to several grants, we had the opportunity to upgrade the playgrounds with modern equipment. Smit Park on Valley Court was recently remodeled featuring prehistoric life size dinosaurs! Many of our parks now have water features to help stay cool during the hottest days of summer. Mill Creek Point, and Laurel Hill County Parks are popular with local fisherman, boaters and kyackers. In fact, people come from all around to use these riverfront parks. The Dinosaur Park at Laurel Hill is also a popular destination in town. Acorn, Trolley and Snipes Parks are also set along the Hackensack River where visitors enjoy nature without leaving town. There are dog parks at Snipes and Mill Creek Point Parks. Whatever neighborhood you live in, there is a playground for children to enjoy. The nature trail begins at Mill Creek Mall and continues along the Hackensack River behind the High School, and across the outskirts of the north end toward Meadowland Parkway. The walking trail will eventually lead to Meadowlands Hospital and further toward Jersey City. All these activities are available at no charge to residents. The swim center and adjacent recreation center host many free events in addition to nominal fees for membership. Additionally, there is a full schedule for youth including arts and crafts in the park and day camp. When it gets too hot for the little ones, stop by the Tot Center for an air conditioned afternoon of activities.

The annual K&S picnic is on July 20th at Schmidts Woods where families gather for an enjoyable afternoon while helping a "Friend in Need." Schmidts Woods was also recently upgraded highlighting many natural features of the woods such as bird habitats and beehives.

What is summer without the Farmers Market where you can find all kinds of fresh produce, specialty items and seasonal plants? The annual market is being held in the Public Library parking lot every Monday afternoon and at Xchange on Saturdays.

In addition to the abundant calendar of events here this summer, there are many places for day trips nearby. The newly restored Jersey shore is a quick ride south, while the beautiful country side is a short trip north. Families could go to Garret Mountain, Bronx and Turtle Back Zoos, events at MetLife Stadium, Space Odyssey, Broadway Plays in NYC, and a host of diverse restaurants.

Stop by my office or call 201-330-2005 to find out more on what's available for residents. Summer in Secaucus, we have it all.